

AN ORDINANCE **96652**

**APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS REPRESENTATION
AGREEMENTS WITH DENTON, NAVARRO & BERNAL
AND MARC A. RODRIGUEZ TO PROVIDE FOR A FOUR
PERCENT REDUCTION IN THE RESPECTIVE FEES TO
BE PAID EACH FIRM UNDER THEIR AGREEMENT FOR
THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2002 THROUGH
SEPTEMBER 30, 2003.**

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WHEREAS, the City has retained consultants to represent its interests before the State Legislature for more than twenty years and on September 20, 2001, City Council approved Ordinance No. 94568 authorizing a two-year Agreement with a two-year option for renewal with the state governmental affairs firms of Denton, Navarro & Bernal and Marc A. Rodriguez, with the principals of Susan Rocha and Marc A. Rodriguez, respectively, beginning on October 1, 2001 and expiring September 30, 2003; and

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2002, the City Council adopted its Fiscal Year 2003 Budget, which included an elimination of programs, across-the-board reductions and reductions in force and among the resulting budget cuts proposed by the External Relations Department was a four percent reduction in the value of its federal and state governmental affairs agreements, effective October 1, 2002; and

WHEREAS, in a letter dated August 13, 2002, the External Relations Department informed these firms that a four percent reduction was being proposed to the City Council and City Manager as part of the department's deficit reduction package, which proposal was accepted by the City Council upon the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2003 Budget; and

WHEREAS, both firms have agreed to the four percent reduction in the value of their respective agreements and will provide the same level of services, including the monitoring and tracking of city-related legislation, communicating City Council policy positions to members of the Texas Legislature, informing state lawmakers of legislation that could impact the City, preparing testimony and assisting with the scheduling of witnesses before legislative committees, coordinating the City's Legislative Program with the Texas Municipal League, other interest groups and cities, and facilitating regulatory development of City interests; and

WHEREAS, City Council adopted Ordinance No. 96329 on September 12, 2002 that enacted an identical reduction in the State Governmental Affairs Agreements of Christopher Shields, P.C. and Baker Botts, L.L.P; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The First Amendments to the State Governmental Affairs Representation Agreements with Denton, Navarro & Bernal and Marc A. Rodriguez to provide for a four percent reduction in the respective fees to be paid each firm under their Agreement for the period of October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2003, are hereby approved.

SECTION 2. The City Manager, or her designee, is authorized, for a sixty (60) day period following the effective date of this Ordinance, to execute said First Amendments. Copies of said First Amendments, executed by Denton, Navarro & Bernal and Marc A. Rodriguez, are attached hereto as Exhibits I ad II, respectively.

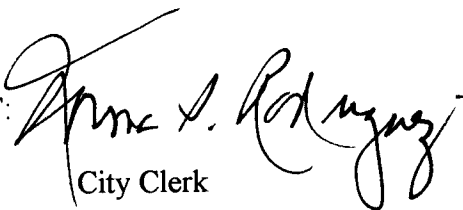
SECTION 3. The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Director of Finance of the City of San Antonio. The Director of Finance may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee, correct allocations to specific index codes and fund numbers as necessary to carry out the purposes of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall be effective on and after the tenth day after passage hereof.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of October, 2002.


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ATTEST:


City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


for City Attorney